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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed December 28, 2004, entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the amendment either places the application into condition for allowance or reduces the issues for appeal. For example, amendment of claim 1 obviates the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and cancellation of claims 141-143 renders the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) moot.

A listing of the claims, begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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